

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

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### A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Jo Dozier of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Jo Dozier; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dozier was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Dozier served with acumen and alacrity as Clarksville's first female City Council member, in which position she earned the respect of her peers for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, taught to weld at age eight by her father, Joseph Moran, she later took over the operation of his shop, Moran's Welding Supply; a woman possessing many interests and talents, she earned also a plumber's license and, at the young age of sixteen, earned her pilot's license at Outlaw Field; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Mary Jo Dozier embarked on what would become an impressive and inspirational career in public service when she became the first woman elected to serve on Clarksville's City Council; during her twenty-eight years as a councilwoman, Ms. Dozier stood as a steadfast beacon of open-mindedness, fairness, and gregariousness; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual who devoted her life to the highest tenets of community service, Ms. Dozier stood as the Chairwoman of the Regional Planning Commission, served on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and dedicated her time and energies as a member of the Tennessee Municipal League and the National League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to becoming Clarksville's first female City Council member, Mary Jo Dozier was also selected to serve as the City's first female Mayor Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, she was respected and appreciated by all of the citizens of Clarksville and her legacy of community service, marked by her fervent commitment to notable and noble aims, such as the construction of River Walk and parks for children and affordable utility rates for seniors, will serve as an inspiration to others for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Dozier was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of the late Roy Dozier and was the proud mother of Nancy Durrett; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dozier leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary Jo Dozier, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and her dedication to the good people of Clarksville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Dozier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.